

§ 14.1 Scope of part.

(a) This part contains standards for non-Federal audits of recipients of financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (herein called recipients). This includes, without limitation, assistance under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 as amended, and the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, as amended.

(b) FEMA may not impose on recipients additional requirements concerning non-Federal audits. However, it may provide recipients with suggestions and assistance on this subject.

§ 14.2 Non-Federal audits.

(a) *Governmental recipients.* Recipients that are governments shall comply with OMB Circular A-128 including any amendments published in the FEDERAL REGISTER by OMB. The Circular is codified verbatim as Appendix A to this part.

(b) *Grant or contract audits.* Recipients of \$25,000 or more, but less than \$100,000 in Federal financial assistance that choose not to have an organization wide single audit must conduct individual grant or contract audits on all FEMA awards over \$25,000.

(c) *Submission of audit reports.* All copies of audit reports that a recipient is required under OMB Circular A-128 to submit to FEMA shall be addressed to the FEMA District Inspector General responsible for the FEMA Region in which the recipient is located. The FEMA Office of Inspector General will distribute copies as appropriate within the Agency. Recipients therefore are not required to send their audit reports to any FEMA officials other than the responsible District Inspector General.

APPENDIX A TO PART 14—OMB CIRCULAR A-128, “AUDITS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS”

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Office of Management and Budget

CIRCULAR NO. A-128

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To the Heads of Executive Departments and Establishments.

Subject: Audits of State and Local Governments.

1. *Purpose.* This Circular is issued pursuant to the Single Audit Act of 1984, Public Law 98-502. It establishes audit requirements for State and local governments that receive Federal aid, and defines Federal responsibilities for implementing and monitoring those requirements.

2. *Supersession.* The Circular supersedes Attachment P, “Audit Requirements,” of Circular A-102, “Uniform requirements for grants to State and local governments.”

3. *Background.* The Single Audit Act builds upon earlier efforts to improve audits of Federal aid programs. The Act requires State or local governments that receive \$100,000 or more a year in Federal funds to have an audit made for that year. Section 7505 of the Act requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prescribe policies, procedures and guidelines to implement the Act. It specifies that the Director shall designate “cognizant” Federal agencies, determine criteria for making appropriate charges to Federal programs for the cost of audits, and provide procedures to assure that small firms or firms owned and controlled by disadvantaged individuals have the opportunity to participate in contracts for single audits.

4. *Policy.* The Single Audit Act requires the following:

a. State or local governments that receive \$100,000 or more a year in Federal financial assistance shall have an audit made in accordance with this Circular.

b. State or local governments that receive between \$25,000 and \$100,000 a year shall have an audit made in accordance with this Circular, or in accordance with Federal laws and regulations governing the programs they participate in.

c. State or local governments that receive less than \$25,000 a year shall be exempt from compliance with the Act and other Federal audit requirements. These State and local governments shall be governed by audit requirements prescribed by State or local law or regulation.

d. Nothing in this paragraph exempts State or local governments from maintaining records of Federal financial assistance or from providing access to such records to Federal agencies, as provided for in Federal law or in Circular A-102, “Uniform requirements for grants to State and local governments.”

5. *Definitions.* For the purposes of this Circular the following definitions from the Single Audit Act apply:

a. *Cognizant agency* means the Federal agency assigned by the Office of Management and Budget to carry out the responsibilities described in paragraph 11 of this Circular.

b. *Federal financial assistance* means assistance provided by a Federal agency in the